

**The Watauga Democrat**

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Judge Greene opened court promptly at 10 o'clock Monday. The Judge's charge to the Grand Jury was listened to by a very large crowd of our citizens, it being the first time in our history that our people ever had the pleasure or opportunity to hear one of their own citizens expound the law from the Bench as Judge of the Court. We feel proud of our Judge and believe he is giving satisfaction. Judge Greene conducts his Courts on active business principles and dispatches the business of the Court in a pleasant and satisfactory manner. Our people were all pleased with the Judge's charge to the jury, and general comment on our Judge is favorable.

Politics is in a great mud-die throughout the whole country. The election of McKinley has not relieved the country, nor has any prosperity shown up except in some centers of business. The rural districts are sorely depressed, prices remain low and a great scarcity of money is the cry. Business men still fail to meet their demands and the cry is still heard in the land that times are hard and the great majority of the people are growing poorer every year. Congress shows no inclination to relieve the country by any movements to restore the financial conditions of the country. It is hopelessly inactive.

From the Marion Democrat of Va., we see that Z. V. Sherrill has been reelected first assistant physician of the South Western Hospital. Zeb Vance Sherrill is a Watauga boy and we are proud of his success as a physician and that he has been promoted by the Virginia people to such a responsible position. Zeb was always a bright young fellow and deserves well of the public. Success to him.

The situation in the flooded districts is distressing in the extreme, perhaps no time in the history of the country has there been anything so severe in the way of high tides and overflowing of such a vast territory. Over 60,000 people have been made homeless by the destructive flood.

The Turks and Greeks are fighting in good earnest. The Greeks have generally defeated the Turks in the several engagements. The Turks have so many more troops than the Greeks it looks like that they could soon overrun the Greeks.

Purnell, of Raleigh gets the judgeship for the Eastern Dist., in place of Norwood deceased. J. E. Boyd is appointed solicitor of the Treasury. H. G. Cheatham, (col.) gets to be Recorded of Deeds at Washington. Nigger Dancy is col. at Wilmington.

H. Clay Evans the new commissioner of pensions is dismissing Democrats in a hurry from his department.

**Court Proceedings.**

The foregoing is what has been done on state docket up to Wednesday morning 10 o'clock.

State vs. Vance and Pleas Church, Larceny, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Charley Pope, nol pros.

State vs. John Clier and Will Townsend, Alias capias.

State vs. I Gross and A. Johnson, obstructing road, judgement confirmed.

State vs. Smith Oliver a. & b., nol pros, with leave.

State vs. Gas Church, a & b Alias capias.

State vs. Jas. Lunsford, forgery, nol pros.

State vs. Vance Byers, a. & b., nol pros.

State vs. Smith Rymer, c. c. w., nol pros, two cases.

State vs. Jas. Cable, Will Cable, and Mary Cable, resisting officer, nol pros.

State vs. James Grimes, a. & b, Alias capias.

State vs. the Cables, murder, Alias capias to issue.

State vs. Charley Paine, c. c. w., injury to church, Alias capias, two cases.

State vs. Emery Greer, c. c. w., capias, two cases.

State vs. W. L. Moretz, abandonment, Alias capias.

State vs. Hard Brewer, c. c. w., Alias capias.

State vs. Charley Paine, c. c. w., Alias capias.

State vs. Roby Pope, larceny, Alias.

State vs. Charley Moody, c. c. w., Alias.

State vs. George Johnson, larceny, Alias.

State vs. W. B. Holsclaw and Emaline Holsclaw, f. & a, nol pros.

State vs. Luther Mryers, a. & b., with d. w., Alias.

State vs. S. N. Bingham, and John Brown, affray, def., Bingham, pleads guilty.

State vs. Pink Miller, adult erating oil, jury found deft., guilty, One year in State prison.

State vs. Will Carrol, a. & b. with d. w., judgment suspended on payment of cost and fine \$25.00.

Stat. vs. G. W. Carroll, f. & a., jury acquitted.

State vs. Dan Reed, injury to real estate, continued.

State vs. Robt. Clawson and others, affray, guilty.

State vs. Jane Shores and Stella Snyder, assault, guilty by the jury. In jail 1 month as to Shores.

State vs. Ham Wilcox and Willett Wilson, affray, continued.

State vs. Will Townsend, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs. B. Aldridge, guilty.

State vs. S. J. McGuire, affray, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs. Hiram Green and Nancy Jones, f. & a., guilty.

State vs. Harve Wilson and Willett Wilson, affray, guilty.

State vs. Pat Mitchell, assault with intent to rape, guilty, fifteen years in penitentiary.

State vs. L. M. Waters, a. & b. with d. w., guilty, \$20 fine.

State vs. Martha Bradshaw, judgement suspended on payment of cost.

State vs. David Reece, cruelty to animal, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs. Mary Cannon, keeping disorderly house, judgement suspended on payment of cost.

**A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF ELDER B. MCBRIDE.**

BARZILAI MCBRIDE was born the 28th day of September, A. D. 1790.

When he became the head of a family, he emigrated to this country. After which he professed faith in Christ, and attached himself to the Cove Creek Church, the second Saturday in April, 1825. He was ordained to the ministry the 16th day of December, A. D. 1832, by Elders Leonard Bowers, of Carter County Tenn., and Richard Jacks of Ashe County, N. C. After the resignation of the pastoral care of Cove Creek Church, by Elder L. Bowers, Elder B. McBride was chosen to that responsible post in which he remained until a few years before his death, when, because of infirmity, he gave back to the church the solemn trust which he felt himself no longer calculated usefully to hold.

Elder B. McBride was one of those Ministers who looked upon the teachings of the Word of God as supereminent, as infinitely superior to all others; neither would he allow any other to compete with it as his counselor, which is saying much for a minister in these days of stair and strife for place and power as a pastor. He was mild and gentle, affectionately to his bro., Ministers; his liberality was bounded by his means only, and scarcely by that; he acted as he thought that all he had more than needful for himself and family, was given him expressly for the use of the people of God, rather than himself. None relied more fully on the Lord Jesus for salvation; nor did any appear to have a brighter hope of future happiness; all who knew him believed him to be a christian indeed, a near attainment to this of which few comparatively can boast. But he is gone, and we have no doubt has seen the King; he has beheld the land that is afar off; he has been drinking, and is still at the fount which makes glad the city of God, where may it be our happy lot to see him when our work here is done.—By request of a relative we reprint this We vividly recollect the grand old preacher when in our youth. —[Editor Democrat.]

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**A Resolution.**

Whereas, we the honorable Board of Co., Commissioners of Watauga county, after one consideration and diligent search, can not find a man in the Republican party in Meat Camp township qualified to list the taxes of said township, and whereas, it is not the sense of this honorable body to appoint a Democrat.

Be it resolved, That we appoint Mr. C. Roy Norris, a true and tried Republican, of Bald Mountain, to list in said township. It is very important to look after the welfare of the people.

The Dingley tariff is being discussed in the Senate and it promises to be a long tedious affair, and no one knows how the thing will look when it gets through the Senate.

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It is now claimed that the reason that the Democrats carried the election in the cities of Ohio and Illinois is that most of the Republicans were at Washington trying to get office.

**Don't Forget This.**

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The turnpike directors met here on Monday and Tuesday but we were prevented from attending the meeting and do not know what was done.

We have reports that Spain has withdrawn thousands of her troops from Cuba but this report is being denied.

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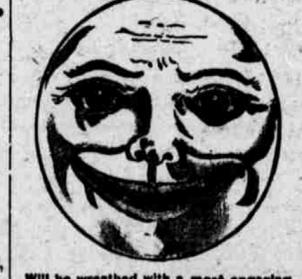
The old year of 1896 was full of hope and promise but the poor old creature could not live long enough to see those hopes realized, so she turned over the job to this bran new youngster, 1897, with the hope that he would push things lively, and faith! he is doing that very thing! Why the little rascal is shoving new goods into my door faster than I can put them on the shelves, and then before I can look around the little fellow is gone and I can hear him out in the middle of the street singing out "Oh Yes! J. B. Clarke has now and always keeps

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